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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT PRISONERS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS SENT IN LAST THREE MONTH TWENTY-TWO LETTERS TO VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN IN RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRIES ABOUT AMERICAN PRISONERS JAILED IN ALGERIA FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE NOTED THAT IN ALMOST EVERY CASE DEPARTMENT HAS SENT ORIGINAL REQUEST TO EMBASSY FOR REPLY WITH OUT EFFORT TO RESPOND IN SUBSTANCE, DESPITE FACT THAT ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO GIVE AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT HAS USUALLY BEEN AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT. AS A RESULT, EMBASSY'S CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO SHOULD BE DEVOTING PART OF HIS TIME TO COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, IS PRESENTLY SPENDING VIRTUALLY ALL OF HIS TIME ON CONSULAR MATTERS AND WELL OVER 50 PERCENT OF THIS ON SIX PRISONERS; I.E., ON VISITS, CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, PACKAGES, PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE, WORK CREATED BY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS, ETC.

2. OF ALL THESE TASKS, KEEPING UP WITH LARGE VOLUME OF CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE ON PRISONERS IS MOST TIME-CONSUMING AND IS A SERIOUS STRAIN ON OUR LIMITED OFFICER AND SECRETARIAL STAFF. REGULAR SERVICE TO OTHER AMERICANS AND PRISONERS IS BEGINNING TO SUFFER. THE POST IS FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE BEING RESPONSIVE TO CONGRESS, BUT WE NEED HELP.

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3. EMBASSY REQUEST THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT
RESPOND DIRECTLY TO INQUIRIES REGARDING PRISONERS. THIS
WOULD RESULT, WE BELIEVE, IN THE PUBLIC RECEIVING REPLIES
MORE PROMPTLY, AND AMERICANS IN ALGERIA RECEIVING BETTER
SERVICE. PARKER

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